GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

University Education – Self Finance Courses - Instructions to all State Universities on Self Finance Courses – Orders - Issued.

HIGHER EDUCATION (UE) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 46 **Dated: 26-07-2017**

Read the following:-

1. The Secretary, APSCHE's/Committees/SF Courses/Contract Staff/2016 dt:17-06-2016.
2. The Secretary, APSCHE, Tadepalli, Lr. Dt.01.05.2017.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the APSCHE has appointed a Committee with Prof. R. Radhakrishna (Chairman) and Professors C. V. Raghavulu and Prof. Y. Haragopala Reddy (Members), Prof P. Narasimha Rao (Member–Secretary) and Prof K. Venkata Reddy as Special Officer/Secretary .

2. The University should prepare a Vision Document for ten years and place the Self Finance Coerces within the overall system of the university. The Vision Document should address: i) the future expansion of the university in terms of courses and enrolment, ii) the quality of education, iii) the application of advanced communication technologies including e-learning and transition as benchmarks for the courses.

3. SFCs should not be started without preparing a project report comprising: i) an assessment of job opportunities, ii) availability of qualified faculties fulfilling UGC norms (preferably UGC-NET cleared faculty), iii) library, iv) laboratory, v) physical infrastructure and vi) financial viability. The project report should be scrutinized by an Expert Committee constituted by APSCHE before its approval.

4. SFCs, with a few exceptions, should be professional courses with a considerable demand from employers for the graduates of the courses. The demand for these courses should be sustainable for a longer duration. The assessment of the job market for a SFC should be based on an analysis of total existing capacity, enrolment and placement opportunities in the job market.

5. The curriculum should be prepared by the faculty in consultation with professionals in industry and job providing agencies to suit the job market requirements. It should be dynamic and should be revised at least once in two years with provision for interaction with industries. Industry professionals should be involved in teaching some of the modules. At least twenty percent of the courses should be handled by them.

6. The minimum faculty for a self-finance course should comprise one professor/ associate professor and four assistant professors/lecturers. Faculty may be recruited on a tenure basis with UGC pay scales. Faculty qualifications and recruitment process including the composition of the selection committee should conform to UGC guidelines and a representative of APSCHE should be present at the interview. Services of retired faculty with significant academic contributions during last three years prior to superannuation and having association with industry/ research institutions/ policy making bodies may be utilized on contract basis after screening on a consolidated remuneration in the range fixed by the APSCHE in consultation with the Vice-Chancellors from time to time.

7. No course should be started without a professor /associate professor dedicated to the course. The professor/associate professor should have adequate experience of industry/ relevant applied field, be capable of providing leadership in governing SFCs, guide students for placement and look after internship. The professor should explore the possibility of launching joint programmes with industry, try for donations from philanthropists and tap CSR and MPLAD funds.

8. Every self-finance course should be financially self-sufficient and its revenue should meet the salaries of faculty and non-teaching staff, the maintenance cost of laboratories and library, and other costs. During the first few years after starting the course, financial support may be extended by the University for purchasing laboratory equipments and providing other facilities. The fee may be revised every year to meet the rising costs of SFCs. The sharing formula on revenue from SFCs among the university, the Directorate of SFCs and the concerned SFC be worked out by each university. The budget of each SFC should be placed before Executive Council and Academic Senate for approval.

9. The minimum strength for a self-finance course should be 30 for courses other than M.Tech and M.Pharm. If the enrolment in a course falls short of the minimum for two consecutive years, the course should be discontinued.

10. The SFCs are open to candidates from other states. This would provide greater choice to students and at the same time facilitate competition among universities. Supernumerary seats be earmarked for foreign students. They are exempted from the common entrance test.

11. SFCs should function like independent entities within the university i.e. they should be governed by the Directorate of Self Finance Courses established by the university. The Directorate of SFCs shall i) coordinate all the self-finance courses review the functioning of the self-finance courses periodically, scrutinize financial viability, assess infrastructure needs, obtain feedback from the students, facilitate industry-course linkage and placement of students; ii) assist students to obtain income contingent education loans (loans to be paid after they are employed); iii) tap the CSR-funds and donations from philanthropists for building common infrastructure facilities like a hostel for self-finance students; iv) facilitate consultancies with government agencies, industries and NGOs and disseminate information about the SFCs to potential students and about placement efforts to successful qualified graduates; and v) acts as a liaison with the APSCHE.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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All the State Universities
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